

MICKEY MANTLE BOYHOOD HOME
319 South Quincy Street
Commerce
Ottawa County
Oklahoma

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- Location:** 319 South Quincy Street, Commerce, Ottawa County, Oklahoma
Lat: 36.930142 Long: - 94.875003 (Center of House, Google Earth, Simple Cylindrical Projection, WGS84)
- Significance:** The historical site of 319 S. Quincy Street in Commerce, Oklahoma was the boyhood home of Mickey Mantle., famous New York Yankees baseball player. This site is typical of properties common in mining communities of the early 20th century in northeastern Oklahoma.
- Description:** The Mantle home has been restored to the original wood siding facade. A galvanized tin garage stands adjacent to the Mantle home. The current condition of the two structures on site is fair.
- This garage was used as a backstop for Mickey's hitting lessons that occurred every day after school. The historical context of the structure is obviously apparent by the many baseball indentions that mark the tin siding. The garage has been structurally reinforced to maintain the slight lean that Mickey recalled. The original tin facade has been preserved but is highly corroded.
- The existing vegetation on the 100 x 75 ft. lot include Bermuda grass ground cover and two large oak trees located behind the house. Additionally, a flagstone path leads up to home. The path is in poor condition with missing pieces and weed overgrowth.
- History:** World famous baseball player, Mickey Mantle lived in 319 S. Quincy Street in Commerce, Oklahoma from 1934 to 1944. Here Mickey learned the art of switch hitting from his father, Mutt, and grandfather.
- Sources:** A Visit to the Hometown of the Mick.
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- Mickey Mantle BIO - Life of a Legend. www.mickeymantle.com/bio.htm. Website accessed May 2011.
- Yankee Great Mickey Charles Mantle's "Commerce, Oklahoma Home."
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- Historian:** Scott Hilton, May 5, 2011
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Side of house (Scott Hilton, May 2011).



Side of garage (Scott Hilton, May 2011).